



Petition

Registration No.	7
Title	BUSHLAND IN THE EAST POINT, LUDMILLA CREEK AND KULALUK LEASE AREA
Presented on	5 December 2012
Presented by	Mr Tollner
Referred to	Lands and Planning (Hon. Terry Mills then Hon. Peter Chandler)
Date referred	5 December 2012
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Response to be presented	16 May 2013

Petition

TO THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY...

WE THE UNDERSIGNED RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH this petition against the planned destruction of bushland for the construction of a light industrial estate and associated works on Lot 5182 of the Kulaluk lease between Fitzer Drive,, Bagot Road, Totem Road and Dick Ward Drive which will have a negative effect on the well-being of residents of Ludmilla, Minmarama Village and Coconut Grove, destroy Aboriginal sites, and threaten the ecological viability of a conservation zone/green belt extending from the East Point Reserve, Ludmilla Creek, and the Kulaluk lease, including Lot 5182.

YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE HUMBLY PRAY THAT THE NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT:

- urgently **consult with the residents** of Ludmilla, Coconut Grove and Minmarama Village regarding the effects on the well-being of said residents by the rezoning of a conservation zone for a light industry estate that will drastically change the ambience of the area.
- urgently consult with all Aboriginal people who have a **cultural and historical connection** to the said land.
- facilitate cultural, environmental and heritage studies to document sites and the **ecology** of the area.
- conduct **an inquiry** into the circumstances whereby the incorporated association who holds the lease to 301 hectares of priceless public land, including Lot 5182, can amend their constitution so that a minimum of five members can decide the future of the lease to the detriment of neighbouring residents and other Aboriginal people and in contradiction to the **expressed original purposes** for the granting of a lease to Larrakia and associated Aboriginal people.

AND YOUR PETITIONERS, **AS IN DUTY BOUND**, WILL EVER PRAY.

Response

I write in response to your letter of 5 December 2012 that forwards the terms of Petition No. 7 read in the Legislative Assembly on the same date.

In June 2011, the previous Minister for Lands and Planning rezoned part of 213 Dick Ward Drive to Specific Use Zone Darwin No. 37 (SD 37). This Specific Use Zone allows for light industrial and service commercial development.

I am advised that as part of the process prescribed by the *Planning Act*, residents were given the opportunity to comment on the rezoning proposal.

I am also advised that SD 37 requires a cultural, soil, flora and fauna study from any party seeking to develop this part of 213 Dick Ward Drive. These studies are to demonstrate that the proposed development will not cause detrimental impact on the community and the environment.

The Gwalwa Daraniki Association is operating within the terms of their constitution, as it only requires a quorum of five members to make a decision to deal in its property, for example.

The Gwalwa Daraniki Association holds a Crown Lease in Perpetuity over the subject land which does not prohibit development of the SD 37 zone. In accordance with the *Crown Lands Act* the holder of a Crown lease must seek consent of the Minister for Lands, Planning and the Environment for any dealings on the property, such as a sublease.